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SUBJECT: MURDER OF TWO IRANIAN STUDENTS

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1. WE HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH KANSAS CITY POLICE ABOUT THE TWO MURDERS AND IRANIAN EMBASSY SENT KAZEMIAN TO KANSAS CITY. POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE ASSURED US THAT MURDERS WERE NON-POLITICAL, UNRELATED AND BY TWO DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS IN COURSE OF ROBBERIES. APPARENTLY BOTH IRANIAN STUDENTS OFFERED SOME RESISTANCE. ROBBERY OF UNPROTECTED ICE CREAM VENDORS, ACCORDING TO POLICE, HAS BEEN FAIRLY COMMON CRIME IN CITY. OVER 40 IRANIAN STUDENTS REPORTEDLY WORK FOR THE PARTICULAR FIRM.

2. POLICE HAVE APPREHENDED AND CHARGED 25 YEAR OLD MALE IN FIRST MURDER AND HAVE ISSUED WARRANT FOR ARREST OF 16 YEAR OLD MALE FOR SECOND MURDER.

3. KAZEMIAN TOLD US THAT HE IS FULLY SATISFIED WITH KC POLICE ACTION AND ITS VERSION OF MURDERS. INGERSOLL

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